AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 13-27 are added.

Claim 13. (New) An isolated lysophospholipase, comprising:

a) a polypeptide encoded by a lysophospholipase encoding part of the DNA sequence cloned into a plasmid present in *Escherichia coli* deposit number DSM 13004;

b) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of amino acids 1-458 in SEQ ID NO: 4;

c) an analogue of the polypeptide defined in (a) or (b) which has at least 95% sequence homology with said polypeptide; or

d) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes with a complementary strand of the nucleic acid sequence shown as nucleotides 115-1914 of SEQ ID NO:3 under hybridization conditions comprising prehybridizing in a solution of 5 x SSC, 5 x Denhardt's solution, 0.5% SDS and 100 µg/ml of denatured sonicated salmon sperm DNA, followed by hybridization in the same solution for 12 hours at approx. 45°C, followed by washing in 2 x SSC, 0.5% SDS for 30 minutes at a temperature of at least 65°C.

Claim 14. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12 which is native to a strain of *Aspergillus.*

Claim 15. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12, which is native to a strain of *A. niger.*

Claim 16. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12, comprising a deletion of 25-35 amino acids at the C-terminal end.

Claim 17. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12, comprising a polypeptide that is encoded by a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes with a complementary strand of the nucleic acid sequence shown as nucleotides 115-1914 of SEQ ID NO:3 under hybridization conditions comprising prehybridizing in a solution of 5 x SSC, 5 x Denhardt's solution, 0.5% SDS and 100 µg/ml of denatured sonicated salmon sperm DNA, followed by hybridization in the same solution for 12 hours at approx. 45°C, followed by washing in 2 x SSC, 0.5% SDS for 30 minutes at a temperature of at least 65°C.

Claim 18. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12, comprising a polypeptide that is encoded by a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes with a complementary strand of the nucleic acid

sequence shown as nucleotides 115-1914 of SEQ ID NO:3 under hybridization conditions comprising prehybridizing in a solution of 5 x SSC, 5 x Denhardt's solution, 0.5% SDS and 100 µg/ml of denatured sonicated salmon sperm DNA, followed by hybridization in the same solution for 12 hours at approx. 45°C, followed by washing in 2 x SSC, 0.5% SDS for 30 minutes at a temperature of at least 70°C.

Claim 19. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12, comprising a polypeptide that is encoded by a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes with a complementary strand of the nucleic acid sequence shown as nucleotides 115-1914 of SEQ ID NO:3 under hybridization conditions comprising prehybridizing in a solution of 5 x SSC, 5 x Denhardt's solution, 0.5% SDS and 100 µg/ml of denatured sonicated salmon sperm DNA, followed by hybridization in the same solution for 12 hours at approx. 45°C, followed by washing in 2 x SSC, 0.5% SDS for 30 minutes at a temperature of at least 75°C.

Claim 20. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12, comprising a polypeptide which has at least 95% homology to the polypeptide encoded by a lysophospholipase encoding part of the DNA sequence cloned into a plasmid present in *Escherichia coli* deposit number DSM 13004 or to the polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of amino acids 1-458 in SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 21. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12, comprising a polypeptide which has at least 98% homology to the polypeptide encoded by a lysophospholipase encoding part of the DNA sequence cloned into a plasmid present in *Escherichia coli* deposit number DSM 13004 or to the polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of amino acids 1-458 in SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 22. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12, comprising a polypeptide encoded by a lysophospholipase encoding part of the DNA sequence cloned into a plasmid present in *Escherichia coli* deposit number DSM 13004.

Claim 23. (New) The lysophospholipase of claim 12, comprising a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 1-458 in SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 24. (New) A process for hydrolyzing fatty acyl groups in a phospholipid or lysophospholipid, comprising treating the phospholipid or lysophospholipid with the lysophospholipase of claim 12.

Claim 25. (New) A process for improving the filterability of an aqueous solution or slurry of carbohydrate origin which contains phospholipid, which process comprises treating the solution or slurry with the lysophospholipase of claim 12.

Claim 26. (New) The process of claim 28, wherein the solution or slurry contains a starch hydrolysate.

Claim 27. (New) The process of claim 28, wherein the solution or slurry contains a wheat starch hydrolysate.